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MEMO

TO: All Missouri Extended Employment Sheltered Workshops
FROM: Fulvio Franzi, Director, DESE-EESW
DATE: June 15, 2008
RE: FY-09 State Aid Payment

Since the end of the Legislative session there have been many questions regarding how the Department will make payments based on the funds appropriated to it.

As you are aware, the Sheltered Workshop appropriation for FY-09 was slightly less than one-half of the requested \$5.2 million increase (\$2,599,729) or \$21, 198,354.

In a letter from the General Assembly dated May 16, 2008 sent by Senator Gary Nodler, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Representative Allen Ictet, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, the Department was directed to pay the Sheltered Workshops in FY-09 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) at the FY-08 statutory rate.

Based on this directive, the FY-09 Sheltered Workshop payment (starting July 1, 2008) will be paid at "*...a sum equal to seventy-five dollars for each standard workweek (Monday through Friday) of up to and including thirty hours worked during the preceding month. Fifteen dollars shall be paid for each six-hour or longer day worked by a handicapped employee on Saturdays and Sundays*" which is the same as the FY-08 statutory rate.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call your MASWM director, or any of the DESE-EESW staff.